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**THE COMMISSIONER OF PATENTS AND TRADEMARKS**

**AMENDMENT**

Sir:

Applicants hereby submit this Amendment as part of their request to convert the above identified provisional application to a nonprovisional application.

**IN THE CLAIMS**

**Amend claim 1 as follows:**

1. (amended) A residual current device having a reset lockout mechanism comprising:
  - a housing;
  - a user handle connected to a compression arm;
  - a solenoid having a magnetized shaft and a relay whereby the solenoid is connected to the housing; and
  - a shim connected to the compression arm where the shim is slidably engaged to move from a position between the shaft and relay to a position where the shim is not between the shaft and the relay.

**IN THE SPECIFICATION**

**Amend the first paragraph of page 1 (lines 6-14) of the specification as follows:**

This application claims the benefit of U.S. provisional application no. 60/277,097, filed on March 19, 2001. This application is related to application Serial No. 09/379,138 filed August 20, 1999, which is a continuation-in-part of application Serial No. 09/369,759 filed August 6, 1999, which is a continuation-in-part of application Serial No. 09/138,955, filed August 24, 1998, now U.S. Patent No. 6,040,967, all of which are incorporated herein in their entirety by reference, and related to application Serial No. 09/379,138 filed August 20, 1999, which is a continuation-in-part of application serial no. 09/369,759 filed August 6, 1999, which is a continuation-in-part of application Serial no.

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